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In re application of: **Michael Lassner et al.**

Serial No.: **09/549,848**

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For: **Nucleic Acid Sequences to Proteins
Involved in Tocopherol Synthesis**

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Reason: At the request of the Assignee, Monsanto Technology, LLC, the file is to be forwarded to David Marsh of Arnold & Porter (*see* attached copy of letter dated May 16, 2001, directed to Rae-Venter Law Group).

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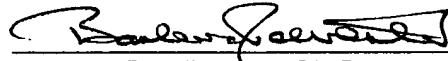
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To expedite the handling of this request to withdraw, this request is submitted in triplicate (original and two copies).

Respectfully submitted,

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